

COUNTY _____ BLOCK _____ 120
 CITY QUAD LOT _____ 38-40

NAME: Ward House COUNTY: Harris
 ADDRESS: 323 W. 17th CITY: Houston
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: _____ UTM: _____
 OWNER: Anthony DeSantos DATE: pre-1910 PERIOD: _____
5315 Poinciana Houston, TX 77092 STYLE: _____
 DESCRIPTION: Square, frame, 2-story, hip roof, attached 2-story portico with center section supported by round columns, porch-enclosed, but gallery is open, single front door has sidelights and transom with leaded glass. THEME: _____

BUILDING MATERIAL: wall: frame roof: asphalt
 PHYSICAL CONDITION: fair SITE: original or moved _____ date _____
 ALTERATIONS: covered with asbestos siding

SIGNIFICANCE: Earliest owner in reference was Wm. H. Ward, an attorney. House is significant for its elaborate detail; example of type built for upper middle class/professional residents of Heights in developmental years.

AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: _____ LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: _____
 DESIGNATION: NR NHL RTHL HABS HAER HESI HSI OTHER: _____
 ORIGINAL USE: residence PRESENT USE: residence - rental property
 RELATIONSHIP TO SURROUNDINGS: In center of block across from school.
 ACREAGE/BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: _____

BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA: _____
 SEE INFO/CORRESPONDENCE FILES: _____
 RECORDED BY: EB/KL INFORMANT: _____
 DATE: 1-16-80 PHOTO DATA: 1 - 35mm

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Site No. 92

NAME Ward House COUNTY Harris BLOCK 120
 ADDRESS 323 West 17th St CITY Houston LOT 38-40
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER unknown UTM Zone 15 E 267,930 N 3,298,910
 OWNER Anthony DeSantos DATE before 1910 PERIOD 1900--
7023 Bent Branch, Houston, Tex. 77088 STYLE Colonial Revival
 THEME

DESCRIPTION Two-story square frame house; hipped roof; two-floor front portico supported by two large Doric columns, proper entablature and pediment above; portico overhangs two-story gallery uncovered on second floor; simple square balusters on second level; single front door on ground level has beveled, leaded glass sidelights and transom; some front windows bordering portico have tracery above a single light; other windows with one-over-one lights.

Building material: wall frame, asbestos*roof asphalt
 Physical condition fair-significant site: original X or moved date
 Alterations Asbestos siding

SIGNIFICANCE Earliest owner of residence was William H. Ward, an attorney. House is significant because of its styling and details. It is an example of a type built for the upper middle class/professional residents of the Heights during its developmental years.

Area of significance architecture Level of significance local
 DESIGNATION: NR NHL RTHL HABS HAER HESI HSI OTHER
 ORIGINAL USE residence PRESENT USE rental residence
 RELATIONSHIP TO SURROUNDINGS Sited in center of block across from school building; yard not well kept.

ACREAGE/BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION less than one acre
 BIBLIOGRAPHY Sister M. Agatha (1956: 16)
 RECORDED BY E. Beasley and K. L. London INFORMANT
 DATE January 16, 1980 PHOTO DATA 1 - 35 mm., Tex. Hist. Commission

*siding

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Houston Heights Multiple Resource Area
State Harris County, Texas

Nomination/Type of Review

Entered in the
National Register

Date/Signature

140 81. Perry-Swilley House

for
Keeper

Melona Byers 6/22/83

Attest

82. Reagan, John H., Senior High
School

Substantive Review

Keeper

Return 5

Attest

83. Renn House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Return 5

Attest

84. Schauer Filling Station

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melona Byers 6/22/83

Attest

85. Schlessor-Burrows House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Melona Byers 5-14-83

Attest

86. Southwestern Bell Telephone
Company

Substantive Review

~~NOT OWNER OBJECTION~~

Determined Eligible

Keeper

Eligible - Beth Groover 6/22/83

Attest

87. Thornton, Dr. Penn B., House

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melona Byers 6/22/83

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88. Upchurch House

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melona Byers 6/22/83

Attest

89. Ward House

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melona Byers 6/22/83

Attest

90. Webber House

Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melona Byers 5/14/84

Attest

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Ward House (Houston Heights MRA)
Harris County
TEXAS

Working No. MAY 9 1983
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-7-84
Date Due: 6/9/83 - 6/23/83
Action: ACCEPT 6/22/83
 RETURN
 REJECT
Entered in the National Register
Federal Agency: _____

resubmission
 nomination by person or local government
 owner objection
 appeal
Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category _____ Ownership _____ Status _____ Present Use _____
Public Acquisition Accessible

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition: excellent deteriorated good ruins fair unexposed
Check one: unaltered altered
Check one: original site moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

summary paragraph
 completeness
 clarity
 alterations/integrity
 dates
 boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- _____ summary paragraph
- _____ completeness
- _____ clarity
- _____ applicable criteria
- _____ justification of areas checked
- _____ relating significance to the resource -
- _____ context
- _____ relationship of integrity to significance
- _____ justification of exception
- _____ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UMT References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

Title _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



323 W. 17th

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Houston Heights

Site No. 92, Ward House, 323 West 17th
Houston, Texas 77008

Photo: K.L. London, January 16, 1980

On file, Texas Historical Commission
Front facade, looking north

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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000847